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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09/27/2000.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1,2,4-9 and 16-26 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) 3, and 10-15 is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Abstract Objections

1. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure. The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –
(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. **Claims 1, 4-9, 17-19, and 21-26** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e) as being anticipated by *Daly* (US Patent No. 6,748,021).

a) Regarding to Claim 1, 21, 24, and 25: *Daly* discloses a method and a telecommunications system for connecting to a network and for routing data messages between the network and subscriber terminals of the telecommunications system, the subscriber terminals being connectable to a central terminal of the telecommunications system via a transmission medium, the telecommunications system providing a number of communication channels arranged to utilise the transmission medium for transmission of data between the central terminal and the subscriber terminals, the telecommunications system comprising:

a transmitter within the central terminal for sending a data message destined for a particular subscriber terminal over at least one of the communication channels (*see Fig. 10 & 12, col. 8 lines 38-40*); and

a frame generator within the central terminal for generating a number of frames to represent each data block (*see Fig. 5 & 7, and col. 8, line 365 lines 54-60*) as a number of data blocks (*see Fig. 7, col. 8, line 36-44*), each frame having a header portion and a data portion, the header portion being arranged to be transmitted in a fixed format chosen to facilitate reception of the header portion by each subscriber terminal and being arranged to include a number of control fields for providing information about the data portion, the data portion being arranged to be transmitted in a variable format (*see Fig. 6& 7, and col. 8, line 36-60*) based on predetermined

criteria relevant to the particular subscriber terminal to which the data portion is destined (*see Fig. 6& 7, and col.8, line 36-48*).

b) In Regarding claims 4: *Daly further disclosed* a telecommunications system as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the variable format is defined by a number of parameters, a first parameter being a channel coding to be applied to the data in the corresponding data portion (*see Fig.5, and col.8, lines 38-44 (FEC coding means channel coding)*).

c) In Regarding claim 5: *Daly further disclosed* a telecommunications system as claimed in Claim 4, wherein a second parameter is a modulation type to be applied to the data in the corresponding data portion (*see Fig.5, and col.8, lines 38-44 “depending on” means a parameter*).

d) In Regarding claim 6: *Daly further disclosed* a telecommunications system as claimed in Claim 5, wherein a third parameter is a symbol rate for the data in the corresponding data portion (*see Fig. 6, and col.6, lines 57-60 “is based on a constant symbol rate” means a third parameter is a symbol rate*).

e) In Regarding claim 7: *Daly further disclosed* a telecommunications system as claimed in Claim 4, wherein the parameters defining the variable format used for the data portion are identified in one or more control fields of the corresponding header portion (*see Fig. 7, col.8 and lines 57-60, fields in frame containing control information means control field*).

f) In Regarding claim 8: *Daly further disclosed* a telecommunications system as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the fixed format used for the header portion employs a relatively low symbol rate. (*see Fig. 6, QPSK is low symbol rate, and see Fig. 7 header is Tx in QPSK, and col.1, lines 43-47*).

g) In Regarding claim 9: *Daly further disclosed* a telecommunications system as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the fixed format (*QPSK also known as 4QAM*) used for the header portion employs no channel coding. (*see Fig. 4 the header is always in 4QAM (or QPSK) so no channel coding , and Fig.7).*

h) In Regarding claim 17: *Daly further disclosed* a telecommunications system as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the header portion includes a code synchronisation control field (*means fields in frame containing control information*) for identifying a code synchronisation signal to be used by the recipient of the frame to control the code synchronisation of signals subsequently issued by that recipient (*see Fig. 7, and Col.8, lines 57-60, it means information (84) stating the modulation and coding applied to the following physical payload*).

i) In Regarding claim 18: *Daly further disclosed* a telecommunications system as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the header portion includes a field containing a predetermined training sequence used by the recipient of the frame to determine the phase of a carrier signal (*see Fig. 7, and Col.8, lines 57-60, "a field containing a predetermined training sequence" means a sync sequence (82), information (84) stating the modulation and coding applied to the following physical payload*).

j) In Regarding claim 22: *Daly further disclosed* a computer program operable to configure a telecommunications system to perform a method as claimed in Claim 21 (*see Col.8, lines 59-60 "coding applied to the following physical payload" means a computer program*).

k) In Regarding claim 23: *Daly further disclosed* a carrier medium comprising a computer program as claimed in claim 22. (*see col.11, lines 17-18, "inherently ...a carrier wave modulated with 4 states by coding"*).

i) In Regarding claim 19, and 26: *Daly* discloses a telecommunications system as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the transmission medium is a radio resource facilitating wireless communications between the central terminal and the subscriber terminals (*see col. 3 lines 24-38*).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. **Claims 2** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Daly* (US Patent No. 6,748,021) in view of *Masters et al* (US Patent No. 6,330,278), hereinafter referred to as *Masters*.

Regarding to Claim 2: *Daly* discloses a method and a telecommunications system as claimed in Claim 1.

Daly fails to explicitly disclose wherein the predetermined criteria comprises an indication of the signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) of signals received by the destination subscriber terminal from the central terminal.

However, **Masters** explicitly disclose the predetermined criteria comprises an indication of the signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) of signals received by the destination subscriber terminal from the central terminal (*see col.5 lines 35-60, and col.7 lines 9-27*).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine **Daly** with **Masters**, so that an indication of the signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) of signals received by the destination subscriber terminal from the central terminal.

The motivation for this is to provide additional system modulation parameters that may be altered by system components to optimize the data transmission rate/range tradeoff for each communication.

6. **Claims 16, 20** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Daly** (US Patent No. 6,748,021) in view of **Schneider** (US Patent No. 6,570,871).

a) **Regarding to Claim 16:** **Daly** discloses a method and a telecommunications system as claimed in Claim 1.

Daly fails to explicitly disclose, wherein the header portion includes a power control field for identifying a power control signal to be used by the recipient of the frame to control the power of signals subsequently issued by that recipient.

However, **Schneider** explicitly discloses the header portion includes a power control field (*means a power control bit*) for identifying a power control signal to be used by the recipient of

the frame to control the power of signals subsequently issued by that recipient (*see col.13 lines 12-21*).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine *Daly* with *Schneider*, so the recipient of the frame to control the power of signals subsequently issued by that recipient would use a power control signal.

The motivation for this is to control interference.

b) Regarding to Claim 20: *Daly* discloses a telecommunications system as claimed in Claim 1. *Daly* fails to explicitly disclose wherein the communication channels are orthogonal channels defined using CDMA.

However, *Schneider* explicitly discloses the communication channels are orthogonal channels defined using CDMA (*see Fig.4 and col.11, lines 47-55*).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine *Daly* with *Schneider* to provide isolation between channels.

The motivation for this is for reducing average transmit power, and improving the non-coherent demodulation, since the base station must demodulate the mobile transmission non-coherently.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 3, 10-15, 21 and 24-25 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Binh Q. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-8563. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM.

8. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wellington Chin can be reached on 571-272-3134. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

9. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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